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District Judge Kenneth M. Karas United States District Court Southern District of New York 300 Quarropas Street White Plains, NY 10601

Re: 7:19-cv-10102-KMK

Dashnau v. Unilever Manufacturing (US), Inc.

Dear District Judge Karas:

This office with co-counsel Michael Reese, Reese LLP, represents the plaintiff. On Monday, March 23, 2020, defendant served and filed a letter seeking a pre-motion conference to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) and (b)(6). In accordance with your Honor's Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases ("Individual Rules"), plaintiff is required to serve and file a letter response within seven days.

Consistent with the rules and practices of the Court, which typically consider service of a defendant's pre-motion letter timely service under Rule 12 if served within the time required by the Rule, plaintiff may "amend its pleading once as a matter of course" within 21 days "after service of [defendant's] motion under Rule 12(b)." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B); Solis v. McAleenan, No. 19-cv-5383 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 5, 2019) ("Under Rule 15(a)(1)(B), a plaintiff has 21 days after the service of a motion under Rule 12(b) to amend the complaint once as a matter of course."); Martinez v. LVNV Funding, LLC, No. 14-cv-00677, 2016 WL 5719718, at \*3 (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 30, 2016); M.E.S., Inc. v. Liberty Mut. Sur. Group., No. 10-cv-0798, 2014 WL 46622 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 6, 2014), \*2 (noting that a plaintiff's amendment as of right in response to defendant's pre-motion letter seeking dismissal "allow[s] for the more efficient use of the Court's time and resources because the Court need only meet with the Parties once...and the need for the motion may be obviated if the amended pleading deals with Defendants' concerns.").

Due to the present circumstances, plaintiff requests it be permitted until Wednesday, May 13, 2020 to file its amended complaint. This date is thirty (30) days from the date the amended complaint would be filed pursuant to Rule 15(a)(1)(B). The undersigned requested consent of defendant's counsel on March 24, 2020, who consented to the present request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Spencer Sheehan
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